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VI. QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

1. The Commission considered agenda item 6 concurrently with item 5 (see chap. V) at its 13th to 18th meetings, from 18 to 21 March, and at its 67th meeting, on 16 April 1997. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 6, see annex .. to the present report. For a list of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and statements by the Chairman, see annex .. to the present report.

3. At the 14th meeting, on 19 March 1997, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Right to Development, Mr. Krsysztof Drzewicki, introduced the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on its first session (E/CN.4/1997/22).

4. In the general debate on agenda item 6, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Algeria (17th), Argentina (18th), Bangladesh (18th), Bhutan (18th), Brazil (16th), Canada (16th), Chile (16th), China (14th), Colombia (15th), Cuba (17th), Ecuador (16th), Egypt (15th), El Salvador (18th), India (16th), Indonesia (18th), Japan (14th), Malaysia (18th), Mexico (15th), Nepal (16th), Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) (14th), Nicaragua (18th), Pakistan (16th), Republic of Korea (15th), Russian Federation (17th), South Africa (18th), Uganda (16th), United States of America (17th), Zimbabwe (18th).

5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Armenia (16th), Costa Rica (15th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (15th), Morocco (16th), Norway (18th), Poland (16th), Senegal (16th), Tunisia (16th), Venezuela (13th), Yemen (14th).

6. A statement was also made by the observer for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (16th).

7. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: American Association of Jurists (16th), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (14th), Indigenous World Association (15th), International Educational Development, Inc. (15th), International Federation of Rural Adult Catholic Movements (14th), International Indian Treaty Council (15th), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (14th), International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations (18th), International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education (15th), Liberation (17th), Pax Romana (13th), World Muslim Congress (17th), World Peace Council (15th).

8. At its 67th meeting, on 16 April 1997, the representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1997/L.25/Rev.1, sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Spain and Uruguay. Belgium, Ecuador, Finland, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. The draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of Colombia as follows:

(a) The fifteenth preambular paragraph was deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 3, after "all levels", a comma was inserted;

(c) After operative paragraph 12, the title "Working Group of Intergovernmental Experts" was deleted.

10. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Egypt.

11. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States of America.

12. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1997/72.